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SUBJ: ROC ASSISTANCE TO LIBERIA FOR SUGAR REFINERY  
AND AGRICULTURE

REF: A. MONROVIA 1373

B. MONROVIA 0371

1. MARCH 20 STORY IS PROBABLY TAKEN FROM CNA STORY  
OF MARCH 16 IN WHICH MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ROC HAD DECIDED TO " HELP LIBERIA  
BUILD A SUGAR REFINERY AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINE  
TOOL MAINTENANCE PLANT".

2. TING MOU- SHIH, DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN  
MOFA, STATED CNA STORY WAS UNAUTHORIZED AND PARTLY  
INCORRECT. BEGIN NOFORN. ROC HAS AGREED TO ASSIST  
LIBERIA TO BUILD SUGAR MILL WITH AN ANNUAL CAPACITY  
OF 10,000 TONS AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$7 MILLION,  
FOR WHICH THE ROC WILL PROVIDE LONG- TERM LOW- INTEREST  
CREDIT. TING SAID THAT PROPOSED MILL WOULD MEET  
LIBERIA' S PROJECTED ANNUAL SUGAR REQUIREMENTS AND  
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PROVIDE SMALL AMOUNT FOR EXPORT TO NEIGHBORING  
COUNTRIES. TING ASKED THAT US KNOWLEDGE OF SIZE OF

PLANT AND LOAN NOT BE REVEALED. END NOFORN.

3. IN ADDITION, ROC WILL INCREASE ITS AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO LIBERIA WITH EMPHASIS ON LAND RECLAMATION THROUGH IRRIGATION. THIS PROGRAM WILL ENTAIL A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ROC PERSONNEL IN LIBERIA. ROC WILL ALSO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE GOL IN SETTING UP AN EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE SIMILAR TO KAOHSIUNG EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE VISITED BY GOL DELEGATION.

4. TING WAS MYSTIFIED BY REFERENCE TO AGRICULTURAL MACHINE TOOL MAINTENANCE PLANT BUT PROMISED TO CHECK WITH MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

5. TING SAID THAT MINISTER TOLBERT WAS APPARENTLY VERY PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF HIS VISIT. TO TING' S KNOWLEDGE, SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE GOL APPROACH TO PEKING WAS NOT RAISED DURING VISIT.

6. COMMENT: \$7 MILLION LOAN TO LIBERIA AND \$5 MILLION LOAN TO VIETNAM SIGNED FEBRUARY 28 ARE NEW DEPARTURE IN ROC' S FOREIGN AID. ROC IS NERVOUS THAT ITS NEW- FOUND STATUS AS A CAPITAL EXPORTER MAY SUBJECT IT TO "BLACKMAIL" FROM OTHER COUNTRIES FOR AID.  
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